

**WILLIAMSBURG CITY COUNCIL  
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING  
(SWEARING-IN CEREMONY)  
MINUTES  
JULY 3, 2006**

An Organizational Meeting of the Williamsburg City Council was held on July 3, 2006, 12:00 Noon, at the Courthouse of 1770, Duke of Gloucester Street, following the official Swearing-In Ceremony for Mr. Robert A. Braxton and Ms. Jeanne Zeidler.

**Attendance**

Present were Ms. Zeidler and Messrs. Haulman, Chohany, Freiling, Braxton, Assistant City Manager Miller, City Attorney Phillips, and City Clerk Crist. City Manager Jackson Tuttle was out of the country. The Courthouse was filled with family members and friends of City Council members, city staff, citizens, and visitors to the Historic Area.

**Call to Order**

Prior to the Organizational Meeting, at 11:45 a.m., the Sergeant of the City Hustings Court (Mr. Tom Hay, Colonial Williamsburg Foundation) called the Swearing-In Ceremony to order in 18th century style, welcomed everyone, and introduced present Mayor Jeanne Zeidler.

Mayor Zeidler thanked the Sergeant of the Court and welcomed everyone. The Mayor explained that at the suggestion of former Council member Channing Hall in 1994, and every two years thereafter, Council assembles in the historic courthouse to swear in new Council members and hold their Organizational Meeting. She introduced the members of Council. The Mayor pointed out the official City mace, displayed on the table to the front of the courthouse, and explained its history.

**Certificates of Election**

Mayor Zeidler introduced Ms. Marilyn R. McGinty, Secretary of the Electoral Board, to present the certificates.

Ms. McGinty presented Mr. Braxton and Ms. Zeidler with a framed Certification of Election, and congratulated them.

**Oaths of Office**

Mayor Zeidler introduced Circuit Court Judge Samuel T. Powell III, to administer the Oaths of Office. Judge Powell administered the oath of office to Mr. Braxton and Ms. Zeidler. Council members signed their oath; Judge Powell certified the oaths and Ms. Crist witnessed.

Mr. Braxton thanked everyone. He was proud and ready to become a member of Council, and was looking forward to serving the citizens. He was the second African American elected to City Council. He recognized his wife, mother, and friends in the

audience. Mr. Braxton thanked former council member Billy Scruggs for his honorable service, time, and energy. He thanked everyone for coming today.

Ms. Zeidler thanked the voters for electing her to a fourth term. She was fortunate to have served with many fine individuals, including Trist McConnell, George Genakos, David Kleppinger, Chips Houghland, Billy Scruggs, Mr. Haulman, Mr. Freiling, and Mr. Chohany. She was looking forward to serving with her fellow Council members and Mr. Braxton. She thanked her husband, Ed Crapol, for his love, support, and advice.

At 12:00 Noon, City Attorney, Phillips, Chairman Pro Tem, called the meeting to order. Mr. Phillips congratulated the new Council members and asked for nominations for Mayor.

### **Nominations**

*Mr. Haulman nominated **Jeanne Zeidler** for Mayor. There were no other nominations.*

*Ms. Zeidler was elected by acclamation by the following vote:*

*Aye: Braxton, Zeidler, Haulman, Freiling, Chohany*

Mayor Zeidler took the Chair. She said it was a privilege, honor and great responsibility to be Mayor. She thanked her colleagues for their trust and support for another two-year term.

Mayor Zeidler opened the floor for nominations for Vice-Mayor.

*Mr. Braxton Nominated **Clyde A. Haulman** as Vice-Mayor. Nominations were closed.*

*Mr. Haulman was elected by acclamation by the following vote:*

*Aye: Braxton, Zeidler, Haulman, Freiling, Chohany*

*Mr. Chohany Nominated **Shelia Y. Crist** as Clerk of Council. Nominations were closed.*

*Ms. Crist was elected by acclamation by the following vote:*

*Aye: Braxton, Zeidler, Haulman, Freiling, Chohany*

*Mr. Haulman Nominated **Joseph Phillips** as City Attorney. Nominations were closed.*

*Mr. Phillips was elected by acclamation by the following vote:*

*Aye: Braxton, Zeidler, Haulman, Freiling, Chohany*

*Mr. Freiling Nominated **Jackson C. Tuttle** as City Manager. Nominations were closed.*

*Mr. Tuttle was elected by acclamation by the following vote:*

*Aye: Braxton, Zeidler, Haulman, Freiling, Chohany*

Mayor Zeidler expressed appreciation on behalf of City Council to the appointees and to city staff.

**ADOPTION OF POLICY AND PROCEDURES OF CITY COUNCIL, Proposed Resolution # 06-19**

*Mr. Freiling Moved That City Council Adopt Resolution #06-19, Adoption of Policy and Procedures of the City Council, Revised June 30, 2006. The Motion was Seconded by Mr. Chohany.*

*Aye: Braxton, Zeidler, Haulman, Freiling, Chohany*

*No: None*

*(SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION #06-19)*

The meeting adjourned at 12:13 p.m.

Approved: August 10, 2006

Mayor Jeanne Zeidler

Shelia Y. Crist  
Clerk of Council